Food delivery/food instrument accountability and control involves the production, issuance and monitoring of automated and manual food instruments through retail systems and the delivery of WIC Program foods by non-retail methods i.e., home delivery and direct distribution.

(Retail)

- A. Food Delivery and Food Instrument Control Overview 246.4(a)(11)(iii), (a)(14)(i), (a)(14)(vi), and (a)(14)(xii): describe the policies and procedures used in producing, monitoring and accounting for the production of food instruments.
- **B.** Food Instrument Pick-up and Transaction 246.4(a)(11)(iii) and (a)(14)(vi): describe the State agency's procedures for issuing food instruments to participants, including procedures for verification, prorating food packages, training and proxy policies.
- C. Food Instrument Disposition 246.4(a)(14)(vi): describe the procedures used to reconcile food instruments as either issued or voided, and as either redeemed or unredeemed, and redeemed food instruments as either validly issued, lost or stolen, expired, duplicate, or not matching issuance records.
- **D.** Manual Food Instruments 246.4(a)(6), (a)(11)(iii), (a)(14)(i), (a)(14)(vi) and (a)(14)(ix): describe the procedures for issuing and accounting for manual food instruments, including the procedures for documentation and disposition.
- E. Special Food Instrument Issuance Accommodations 246.4(a)(11)(iii), (a)(14)(i), (a)(14)(vi), and (a)(21): describe alternatives to participant food instrument pick-up for issuance (e.g., mail or electronic issuance) and how integrity of program services and fiscal accountability are ensured.

(Non-Retail)

- F. Home Food Delivery Systems 246.4(a)(11)(iii), (a)(14)(i), (a)(14)(vi), (a)(14)(vii) and (a)(14)(xii): describe how the State agency's home delivery system operates including the types of authorized home food delivery contractors, the frequency of deliveries, and the procedures for documenting deliveries.
- G. Direct Distribution Food Delivery Systems 246.4(a)(11)(iii), (a)(14)(i), and (a)(14)(vi), (a)(14)(vii), and (a)(14)(xii): describe the methodology and procedures used in the direct distribution of supplemental foods, including types of foods distributed, warehouse and distribution centers, and the verification process.

A. Food Delivery and Food Instrument Control Overview

A. FOOD DELIVERY AND FOOD INSTRUMENT CONTROL OVERVIEW

1.	Food Instruments/General	
a.	The State agency uses the following types Automated - point of certification Manual - individual prescription Pre-printed manual - standard prescription	Automated -central generation EBT
b.	The State agency conducts food instrumer or L=[Local agency] under the appropriatesponsibility):	nt inventories: (Place an S=[State agency] te column to designate primary
	Automated	Manual
	Daily	Daily
	L Weekly	Weekly
	Monthly	Monthly
	Yearly	Yearly
	Other (specify):	Other (specify):
	other (speerly).	other (specify).
c.	The automated food instrument contains/	allows for the following information
	(check all that apply):	<u> </u>
	Not applicable	Local agency identifier
	Participant WIC ID number	∨ Vendor endorsement
	☐ Countersignature for participant/proxy	
	Provide a facsimile or FI in Appendix or o	cite Procedure Manual
d.	The State agency provides a toll-free num participant/vendor inquiries: ☐ Yes	ber on the food instrument for
	DITIONAL DETAIL: Food Delivery Append or Procedure Manual (cite):	ix
2.	Food Instrument Accountability	
a.	Food instruments are delivered to local ag State agency staff US Postal Service Contracted service (i.e., UPS, Purolator, Other (specify):	Local agency staff On-demand printing

A. Food Delivery and FI Control Overview

b.	Food instruments (blank stock and preprinted food instruments ready for iss are delivered to the local agency (check all that apply):		· ·
	Blank	ency (Check all that a	Preprinted
			•
	Not applicable		Not applicable
	☐ Weekly ☐ Twice a month		☐ Weekly ☐ Twice a month
			=
	Once a month		Once a month
	Once every two months		Once every two
		1	months
	Other (specify): as needed	1	Other (specify):
c.	not fraudulently using uncl Signatures on the docume similarities in writing styl Local agencies conduct an participants known to have	aimed food instrume entation of food instrume to implying one person in initial review of food we been terminated from sible for issuing/voiding by themselves	ment receipt are compared for a signed for multiple participants d instruments to void checks for
	Procedure Manual (cite):	J 11	
3.	State agency purchases/con	t <u>ract bids are submi</u> t	ted:
	Quarterly	Semi-annually	
	Annually	Other (specify): s	tatewide contract bid every 3 years
	ΓΙΟΝΑL DETAIL: Food De r Procedure Manual (cite):	livery Appendix	
4.	The State agency has estable disaster and emergencies for Issuing manual food instr	r the following <u>(c</u> hec	brocedures in cases of natural k all that apply): guing automated food instruments
	Mailing food instruments Direct distribution	□ Но	ome food delivery her (specify):
	FIONAL DETAIL: Food De Procedure Manual (cite):	livery Appendix	

B. Food Instrument Pick-up

B. FOOD INSTRUMENT PICK-UP

1.	Food Instrument Pick-Up Policy a	nd Procedures		
a.	Food instruments are issued by (ch	neck all that apply):		
	Local agency director Local agency nutritionist Local agency paraprofessional Clerical staff Other (for other, specify):	All Locals	Most Locals	Some Locals
b.	The State agency utilizes a particip ☐ Yes, with photo	pant identification ca	rd:	
	If yes, issuance is controlled numer ⊠ Yes	rically and each card	is accounted for:	
c.	The State agency requires the following food instruments: Participant/parent/caretaker/proxy Carbon copy of food instrument Local agency staff initials Date of food instrument pick-up Stub with participant signature of Other (specify):	y signature block on fo	C	
d.	The State agency has a policy to pr Late food instrument pick-up Mid-month certification		for the following: to expire within 30 day	/S
e.	The State agency requires local age caretaker/proxy with training in (a	check all that apply): Selecting WIC-ap Signature on FIs		
f.	The State agency requires local agauthorized vendors: ☐ Yes No	ency staff to provide	participants with a li	st of

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ADDITIONAL DETAIL: Food Delivery Appendix and/or Procedure Manual (cite):

scept that a proxy in a facility

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C. Food Instrument Redemption/Disposition

C. FOOD INSTRUMENT REDEMPTION/DISPOSITION

1.	Food Instrument Disposition Procedures
a.	The State agency system assures 100% disposition of all issued food instruments ☐ Yes No
	If no, specify the circumstances that prevent 100% disposition: No geographic state reconciles 100%. Texas' goal is to assure 100% disposition of all issued food instruments; however, it is virtually impossible for a large state like Texas that processes almost 2 million food instruments a month.
b.	The State agency monitors each local agency's: ☐ Number of manual food instruments utilized ☐ Number of unclaimed food instruments ☐ Number of voided food instruments ☐ Number of redeemed food instruments with no issuance record
c.	Local agencies are supplied with a report on the final disposition of its food instruments: Yes (specify period): No
	TIONAL DETAIL: Food Delivery Appendix r Procedure Manual (cite):
2.	Unclaimed, Voided, Prorated Food Instruments
a.	The State agency requires local agencies to return "unclaimed/not picked up" food instruments: Not applicable Daily Weekly Monthly Other (specify):
b.	The State agency requires local agencies to return "voided" food instruments: Not applicable Daily Weekly Monthly Other (specify):
	TIONAL DETAIL: Food Delivery Appendix r Procedure Manual (cite) :
3.	Lost/Stolen Food Instruments
a.	The State agency requires local agencies to report lost/stolen food instruments to (check all that apply): State agency Police department

IX. C.	FOOD DELIVERY Food Instrument Redemption/Disposition	
losse	State agency's banking institution es to SA	Other (specify): Report bulk
b.	Replacement/duplicate food instruments are reported lost: No Depends on the circumstances Yes (If food instruments are reissued, it is Immediately Following notification of State agenday waiting period (specific property)	done): ncy/bank agency
c.	Replacement/duplicate food instruments are No Depends on the circumstances Yes (If food instruments are reissued, it is Immediately Following notification of State agen After day waiting period (specific	done):
d. unde	The State agency or its banking institution to notified by the local agency of lost/stolen food instruction. Stops payment on the lost/stolen food instruction. Notifies vendor. Other (specify): :Lost or stolen food instruction special circumstances such as house fire, natural	od instruments (check all that apply): uments ments are not routinely replaced except
	Please provide a copy/citation for State ager lost/stolen food instruments cannot be redec Policy FD:07.0: Action to be Taken When I	emed.
	Lost/Stolen by Participant.	
e.	The local agency documents in the participal instruments were issued: ☐ Yes ☐ No	ant's file that replacement food
f.	The State agency monitors the level of reporagency: ☐ Yes ☐ No	rted lost/stolen food instruments by local
g.	If it is established that lost/stolen food instruments who reported them lost/stolen, the following Participant reimburses the local agency	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

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	Participar	nt is disqualific nt receives a w ecify): Turned	arning	ment's investigators
	the following Reported State agen Other (specifierthe	g actions are to police for incy or local agecify): If SA ber	taken: nvestigation gency does an in nad enough info	ormation, investigators might be able to pursue
	or Procedure N	` ,		g (7 CFR 246 12(k)(1))
 4. Food Instrument Redemption Screening (7 CFR 246.12(k)(1)) a. The State agency screens food instruments through a pre-edit (before paym post-edit (after payment) process to detect the following: 			ents through a pre-edit (before payment) or	
	Not Applicable	Pre-Edit Screen	Post-Edit Screen	Purchase price exceeds price limitations Purchase price missing Altered purchase price Vendor identification missing Invalid/counterfeit vendor identification Transacted before specified period Transacted after specified period Redeemed after specified period Altered dates Missing signature Mismatched signature Altered signature Other (specify): Redeemed prior to specified period
b.	Where pre-einclude: All food i Other:			oportion of food instruments reviewed Percentage of food instruments (%)

C. Food Instrument Redemption/Disposition

c.	The edit system(s) that screen for price limitations and vendor overcharges reject food instruments based on:			
	Pre-edit	Post-edit	Not To Exceed or Maximum I Percentage above average (Amount above average (\$ Other (specify):	Prices %))
d.	The following actions are used to control against unauthorized stores redeeming food instruments: Recover vendor stamp when vendor is no longer authorized Conduct compliance buy to verify if unauthorized store redeems food instruments State agency or its banking institution checks vendor ID numbers on food instrument submitted for redemption against the authorized vendor list before paying vendors for food instruments submitted for redemption Vendor-specific food instruments are used Inform all participants who might use the unauthorized store Other (specify):			
		ETAIL: Vend Manual (cite	lor Management Appendix):	
5.	Price Lists	5		
a.	Yes	nformation is to question 6)	routinely collected from vendors	:
b.	☐ Monthl☐ Quarter☐ Semian☐ Annual	ly nually	ted:	
c.	State ag Local a Reports	are collected gency staff gency staff are submitted specify):		
d.	All bran	nds and sizes o	ood prices for: f supplemental foods nental food items within food categ	ories

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	Other (specify):
e.	The ☐ State agency/ ☐ local agency verifies price data provided by vendors: ☐ During routine monitoring visits ☐ Does not verify on a routine basis ☐ If the vendor is identified as a high-risk vendor ☐ Other (explain):
f.	The State agency/ local agency analyzes price data: Manually on a routine or as needed basis On an ADP system and uses it to: Generate estimated food instrument values Help inform WIC staff on vendor selection decisions Develop vendor peer groups Flag individual food instruments that appear to be overcharges Other (specify): Routine on-site visits
6.	System to Detect Suspected Overcharges
a.	 Does the State agency screen for suspected overcharges: Yes, vendor claims are issued for overcharges. No, the State agency makes price adjustments to food instruments submitted for redemption at amounts above edit limits No Other (specify):
b.	The following best describes how the vendor is billed for overcharges: ☐ Based on the vendor's reported prices ☐ Based on redemption values of other vendors in the vendor's peer group ☐ Based on redemption values of all vendors ☐ Other (specify):
c.	To receive payment or appeal a claim for a vendor overcharge, the vendor must: ☐ Provide an updated price list ☐ Provide written justification for the higher prices ☐ Provide receipts ☐ Other (specify): submit a written request
d.	The following actions are taken when a vendor has chronic overcharging problems: Routine monitoring or remedial vendor training is conducted Vendor is designated as high-risk and scheduled for compliance investigation Vendor is provided with a written warning of potential sanction for overcharging Vendor is terminated for cause Vendor is sanctioned Other (specify):

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ADDITIONAL DETAIL: Vendor Management Appendix and/or Procedure Manual (cite):

D. Manual Food Instruments

D. MANUAL FOOD INSTRUMENTS

	DOES NOT APPLY (PROCEED TO NEXT SECTION)		
1.	Manual Food Instrument Policy		
a.	Manual food instruments are utilized for the following reasons: New participants Automated food instruments not available Mutilated automated food instruments Wrong food package on automated food instrument Provide for the special needs of the homeless Food package tailoring Routine monitoring visits (i.e., educational buys) of vendors Compliance buys of vendors Special conditions, e.g., disasters Other (specify):		
b.	The State agency requires the following for completing the manual food instrument register: Participant/proxy signature Date of food instrument pick-up other (specify):		
c.	Manual food instruments have a "Not to Exceed Value" of: ☐ Same dollar amount for all manual food instruments \$ ☐ Variable dollar amount depending on type of prescription on manual FI ☐ No limit ☐ Other (specify):		
	ITIONAL DETAIL: Food Delivery Appendix or Procedure Manual (cite):		
2.	Manual Food Instrument Documentation and Disposition		
a.	A report containing the serial numbers of manual food instrument issued by local agencies is sent to the State agency: Not applicable Other (specify): Monthly		
b.	Local agencies are required to provide documentation to substantiate a valid or invalid certification record for manual food instruments issued and redeemed but for which no participant record currently exists by utilizing: Turnaround documents to establish valid certification records Telephone calls to the State/local agency on irregularities Other (specify):		

IX. D.	FOOD DELIVERY Manual Food Instruments		
c.	If the manual food instrument inventories do not achieve 100% reconciliation of all issued and unissued food instruments, the local agency (check all that apply): Reports the food instrument serial numbers to the State agency Provides the food instrument serial numbers to local vendors Other (specify):		
	(Provide a copy/citation of the State agency's prescribed procedures if the manual food instrument inventory cannot be reconciled).		

ADDITIONAL DETAIL: Food Delivery Appendix and/or Procedure Manual (cite):

Participant hardship Travel-related issues

E. Special Food Instrument Issuance Accommodations

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1. **Alternative Food Instrument Issuance** The State agency has implemented the following food instrument issuance policy a. (check all that apply): All participants are required to pick up food instruments at the clinic or local agency, except in unusual circumstances Participants/proxies are required to show identification at food instrument pick up Food instruments are routinely mailed to participants except (1) when the participant is scheduled for nutrition education or a certification appointment and (2) in areas where Food Stamps are not mailed, as these areas are known to have experienced high mail issuance losses Benefits are provided electronically to a location such as a grocery store under certain conditions; thus participants may not always pick up food instruments at the clinic Other (specify): 2. **Mailing Policy/Procedures** When food instruments are mailed to participants, State agency provides local a. agencies with guidelines/procedures for mailing food instruments to individual participants: X Yes No Policy requires participants to pick up food instruments whenever certification b. appointment is due or nutrition education is scheduled: X Yes No The State agency has implemented the following policy regarding mailing food c. instruments (check all that apply): Food instruments are sent first class mail *(first class is considered *regular* mail) Food instruments are sent registered mail Food instruments are sent certified mail Food instruments are sent restricted mail Return receipt is requested on food instruments sent certified mail Envelope specifies, "Do not forward, return to sender" or "Do not forward, address" correction requested" Other (specify): d. The State agency approves mailing food instruments under the following conditions (check all that apply): State-LA with Case by Wide **SA Approval** Case

Ε. **Special Food Instrument Issuance Accommodations** Better clinic management Participant safety Participant convenience Cost effectiveness Other (if other, specify):LA can decide based on SA allowable reasons including: automation system failure; client illness; imminent childbirth; family with special health care needs; inclement weather; client unable to keep appt. at satellite clinic which is open only at certain times; quarantine; communicable disease; immune disorder. When mailing food instruments, documentation of food instrument issuance is: e. Signed by the participant at the following food instrument pick-up/visit Noted "mailed" and initialed/dated by local agency staff Signed and dated by local agency staff after return receipt is received Other (specify): **ADDITIONAL DETAIL: Food Delivery Appendix** and/or Procedure Manual (cite): 3. Participants who receive food instruments by mail are sent: \square One month of food instruments Two months of food instruments Three months of food instruments Other (specify): **ADDITIONAL DETAIL: Food Delivery Appendix**

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and/or Procedure Manual (cite):

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F. Home Food Delivery Systems

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	DOES NOT APPLY (PROCEED TO NEXT SECTION)
1.	Home Food Delivery Systems Overview
a.	Home delivery vendors include (check all that apply): Dairies Private delivery service doing WIC business only Private delivery service Other (specify):
b.	Participants who receive home food delivery: Are notified in writing of the types and quantities of foods Are issued food instruments that they sign and provide to the vendor when the food is delivered Indicate by authorized signature on aN FI, receipt or signature document, the supplemental foods received Other (specify):
c.	Supplemental foods may be delivered: Only to the participant of record To the participant of record or proxy of record To any adult at home during time of delivery To anyone at home at the time of delivery Other (specify):
	DITIONAL DETAIL: Food Delivery Appendix or Procedure Manual (cite):
2.	Documentation
a.	The forms verifying delivery are reconciled against vendor invoices: Weekly Monthly reconciliation of the signed FI or other signed receipts or signature documents from participant or proxies. Other (specify):
b.	Signatures of participants, who sign the food receipt document/food instruments, are compared to the signature on file. No Yes, sample Yes, 100%
	DITIONAL DETAIL: Food Delivery Appendix or Procedure Manual (cite):

G. Direct Distribution

G. <u>DIRECT DISTRIBUTION FOOD DELIVERY SYSTEMS</u>

\boxtimes	DOES NOT APPLY (PROCEED TO NEXT SECTION)			
1.	Direct Distribution Food Delivery - General			
a.	The State agency uses a direct distribution food delivery system to: Distribute all of its WIC Program foods Distribute only special infant formula Distribute (specify):			
b.	Infant formula requiring a physician's prescription is issued: Not applicable At local agencies At the State agency warehouse(s) Other (specify):			
c.	Local agencies are served from: Warehouse not used One central warehouse, deliveries directly to local agencies One central warehouse from which foods are sent to one or more subsidiary warehouses before delivery to local agencies Other (specify):			
d.	Warehouses are operated by: State agency Other state or public agency Other (specify): Local agency Under contract with a private business			
e.	Warehouses used for storage of WIC foods are also used to store other FNS program commodities: Yes No			
ADDITIONAL DETAIL: Food Delivery Appendix and/or Procedure Manual (cite):				
2.	Food Distribution			
a.	Foods are distributed to participants: Grocery store fashion Other (specify): Pre-packaged			

G.	Direct Distribution				
b.	Participants receiving food are required to sign: A register once for all foods received A register/form for each food item received Other (specify):	:			
c.	Foods are distributed to participants: Monthly Other (specify):				
d.	±				
	available to them:	Services pro	ovided by:		
	Home delivery Cost-free transportation Other (if other, specify):	Local Agency	Other Sources		
ADDITIONAL DETAIL: Food Delivery Appendix and/or Procedure Manual (cite):					
3.	Warehouse Insurance and Inspectors				
a.	Insurance for the warehouse covers (check all that apply): Theft Fire Infestation Spoilage Other (specify):				
b.	 Warehouses are inspected by a public authority responsible for enforcing: Fire safety laws and regulations (specify date and grade of last inspection): Sanitation laws and regulations (specify date and grade of last inspection): Other (specify): 				
ADDITIONAL DETAIL: Food Delivery Appendix: and/or Procedure Manual (cite):					